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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are considering that, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" In view of the fact that considerable time has already lapsed since the passing of the Act, will the Government see that necessary action is taken without much delay? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are taking action without delay, Sir."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Have the Government called for the opinion of the High Court and is that responsible for any delay? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The High Court also suggested that these two revisions may be done simultaneously."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Then hon. Member is not putting the question. So I will pass on to the next question."

*Metalling of roads in Kasargod town.*

* 284 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the public that the metalling and tarring of roads in Kasargod town done recently was much inferior in quality than was proposed under the scheme therefor, and if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A petition on the subject was received by the Chief Engineer (Highways). The Superintending Engineer (Highways) and the Divisional Engineer (Highways) personally investigated the matter and found that the representation was made without any foundation."

JANAB M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the road has become very bad in a very short period, will the Government also investigate the matter to find out the reason that led to this deterioration? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member says that the condition of the road is bad whereas the report I have received shows that the condition of the road is not bad but it is good."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" May I know whether any allegations were made against the contractor and whether they were investigated? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, a complaint was made about the condition of this road. It was personally investigated by the Superintending Engineer and the Chief Engineer, Highways. The allegations were found to be false."

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" రోడ్లు బాగుండలేదని, వాటిపై నిత్యం ప్రయాణం చేసే ప్రజలు అంటున్నారు. కాదు బాగున్నదని ఇంజనీర్లంటున్నారు. రోడ్లు సరిగా ఉన్నదీ లేనిదీ తెలుసుకొనటకు ఇంజనీర్లు కావాలా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the opinion of the Engineering department is that the condition of the road is good. If the hon. Member is satisfied with it he might better accept it."

*Former Pudukkottai State Government dispensaries.*

* 285 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the former Pudukkottai State Government dispensaries into district board dispensaries in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district;

(b) if so, the names of such dispensaries; and

(c) the reasons for such conversion?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

*Allegations against the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kovvur, West Godavari.*

* 286 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representations complaining against the action of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kovvur, West Godavari district, in appointing a dealer of his own choice for the Fair Price Shop at Kovvur town (Ward No. 1) when all people in the ward unanimously opposed his appointment; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes. A representation was received by the Government on 8th November 1952.

" (b) The Government have examined the objection and considered that the objection is not valid in view of the fact that the dealer who has been appointed, is also a Harijan and holds a licence under the Madras Foodgrains Control Order. It is incorrect to say that all the people in the ward unanimously opposed the appointment."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Is the Government aware of the fact that the newly appointed dealer was out of the picture by the time the Taluk Supply Officer sent his report to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kovvur?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am really unable to understand the phrase 'out of the picture', Sir."